(h) The two works referred to have been included. The other could not be provided for want of funds.

(i) Please see answer to (h) above.

Transportation through waterways and roads.

104. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the perspective of transportation through our waterways and roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question is vague.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Would you kindly tell me where is the lack of clearness there?

President.—You please make it clear. That will be better.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If instead of 'perspective' the word 'extent' or 'range' is substituted, will it be clear?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If by extent of transportation the Member means the length of roads in the State, I may say that about 500 miles of roads are maintained by the P. W. D. and an equal mileage is maintained by the Panchayat Department. There are waterways and backwaters extending from Arookutti to Chettuvaya. It is about 100 miles.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What I wanted to know was whether there was a progressive increase in the traffic in these lines. Whether any attempt was made by which traffic through these lines will be increased by the initiative of the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government have been opening roads and improving waterways in the State for the last so many years and there has been considerable increase in traffic in these years.

Burial ground—Kunnamkulam.

105. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Diwan of Cochin has received a petition in Meenam 1108 from Mr. Ayinipully Ayyappan and other Ezhuvas of Kunnamkulam and its suburbs for a burial ground; and if so,

(b) whether their request has been sanctioned; and if not,

(c) what action has been taken in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The petitioners' request is receiving the attention of the Government.

Puncha cultivation.

106. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

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